

The Gathering at Northern Hills, A Unitarian Universalist Community



# The Harbinger

*The Gathering at Northern Hills is a congregation of free people*

*As such, we celebrate diversity and welcome to our services all persons, irrespective of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or faith.*

*We invite and welcome to our membership those in agreement with our purposes and principles.*

Website:  
<http://www.gnhuu.org>

**Join GNH Sunday Morning Services at 10:45**

**or Join GNH on Zoom**  
<https://zoom.us/j/91833287637>

**Please email [gnhuu460@gmail.com](mailto:gnhuu460@gmail.com) to receive additional Church information**



## *Dream Again*



*Know who you are and trust your insight,  
Lack of confidence busts and bends life and crushes wind pipes.*

*Believe in yourself and grow 'til you lead,  
Leap now from deep down...and I know you'll succeed.*

*Forget all the failures you've seen my friend,  
Hit snooze on lose and choose to dream again.*

*Written By: Todd Bates*

*2-26-11*

*March, 2015 Poem of the Month*

*www.toddbates.org*

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# Sanctuary Services

Join GNH Zoom Sunday Morning Service Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91833287637>

## GNH Website

Be sure to check out GNH's updated web site—[gnhuu.org](http://gnhuu.org)—

*GNH currently offers hybrid services.*

You may attend in our sanctuary or online via our Zoom Link:

**All past service videos can be found on the church webpage: [gnhuu.org](http://gnhuu.org)**

Click where it says "**View the latest service videos here**" and the most recent service video will appear. At the top right of the video you will see a three line icon, click this to access other service videos.

## Masks Consideration

[COVIDACTNOW.org](http://COVIDACTNOW.org) states that our area is at a **MEDIUM**

level of community risk for COVID,

Please consider your personal situation and make the choice that is right for you.

## SUNDAY MESSAGES

**This Sunday, March 8, 2026, Vickie Villavicencio** will share with us her spiritual journey, titled "**Finding Myself.**"

**Next Sunday, March 15, 2026, Stacey Burge, of Found House/Interfaith Housing Network** of Cincinnati, will bring us up to date on new activities in its work to help unhoused families, and how we can help.

**Sunday, March 22, 2026,** Music minister Michael Tacy will present from the podium as well as the piano.

**Sunday, March 29, 2026, Diane Wright** returns with another stimulating and reassuring message.

## UU Musical Event at St. John's

Hello there! This is Kathy Rentz, representing St. John's UU. I'm writing to let you know that the renowned Earth-focused musician/eco-activist **Jim Scott** will be giving a performance at our church, 320 Resor Ave., at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 15. I've pasted additional info and a poster below.

We welcome any and all to this special and uplifting musical experience!

Kathy Rentz  
Chor Team Leader  
St. John's UU

The St. John's Music Program will be sponsoring a special event at St. John's on **Sunday, Mar. 15, at 7 p.m.** Jim Scott, renowned musician and eco-activist, will present his multi-media presentation "The Year to Save the Earth," a mix of powerful songs, beautiful images, and singalongs that will "take us from grieving to celebration, and from protest to positive vision for the planet," in his words. Jim is a prolific composer who worked with the Paul Winter Consort to co-write their celebrated "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass" and many other pieces, and he composed several songs in our hymnbooks, including "Gather the Spirit" and "There Is More Love Somewhere." He helped develop the Green Sanctuary program, wrote "The Earth and Spirit Songbook," and has visited more than 700 UU churches over 4 decades. The event is free and open to the public, with a \$20 suggested donation.

Tell your friends, and come enjoy this uplifting, inspiring musical experience!



**The Year  
to Save  
the Earth**

A Multimedia,  
Music and Visual  
Experience by  
Composer  
**Jim Scott**

*Mixing powerful songs and images,  
Jim Scott's melodies and poetry  
celebrate what's beautiful, amazing  
and fragile on our planet Earth.*



**7 PM Sunday  
March 15, 2026**  
Suggested donation - \$20

**St John's  
Unitarian Universalist Church**  
320 Resor Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220

JimScottMusic.com

**Non-Violence Resistance:  
How Are Your UU Values Calling You to Meet the Moment?**



“Meet the Moment with Love: Non-Violence as a Spiritual Discipline and Change Maker” is an all-day workshop on March 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m, at St. John’s UU, Clifton. Leading the workshop is Ignite Peace which is highly respected for its non-cooperation trainings. Registration deadline is March 14. Use the registration link and/or QR code in the attached announcement.

**This year’s UUCGC course is likely to fill up quickly. As newsletter editor, you are key to informing your congregation in time for them to register before attendance maxes out.**

Questions: Contact Linnea at [linnealose@gmail.com](mailto:linnealose@gmail.com), 513-207-5673.

# Non-Violence Resistance: How Are Your UU Values Calling You to Meet the Moment?

## PRINT & ONLINE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Are you ready to speak up and show up for the silenced but don't know how? **"Meet The Moment with Love: Non-Violence as a Spiritual Discipline and Change Maker"** is a one-day interactive workshop that will strengthen resistance skills ranging from righting microaggressions, to reducing systemic racism, to resisting authoritarianism. Workshop leader is Ignite Peace, Greater Cincinnati's long-standing advocacy organization for antiracism, immigration rights and prison reform. Adults who are Unitarian Universalists are welcome as are teens in grades 9-12 across all faiths.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church**, 320 Resor Avenue, Clifton. Admission "cost" is a non-heated potluck lunch dish for six (e.g., fruit, salad, sandwiches, chips, dessert). Adults also are asked to make a modest freewill donation, e.g., \$10/person. There is no charge for teens. Attendance is limited. Registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/MeetMomentWorkshop>, or use the QR code, or email

[linnealose@gmail.com](mailto:linnealose@gmail.com). **Registration deadline is March 14.**

Course content includes Unitarian Universalist values, strategies to remediate racist situations and systems, different types of conflict and non-violent direct actions, emotional awareness during conflicts, "5 Ds" of bystander intervention and de-escalation of volatile situations.

The workshop is the 2026 annual program of the antiracism learning circle, dubbed Building the World We Dream About, sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati. Major funding is generously provided by BLUU-Haven of Greater Cincinnati (Black Lives UU).



## ORDER OF SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Registration is required by March 14 at <https://tinyurl.com/MeetMomentWorkshop>, or use the QR code, or email [linnealose@gmail.com](mailto:linnealose@gmail.com).

## WORSHIP SLIDE



**What are your  
UU values  
calling you to do?**

**Non-violent resistance  
1-day training  
Saturday, March 21, 10-5  
@ St. John's**

- Ignite Peace workshop for UU adults and local teens ready to speak up and show up for the silenced
- Limited capacity, registration required at <https://tinyurl.com/MeetMomentWorkshop>



- Sponsored by UU Council of Greater Cincinnati antiracism learning circle
- Generous financial support from BLUU Haven-Greater Cincinnati



# UUJO Spring Assembly April 25, 2026

, April 25, 2026  
First UU Church, 93 Weisheimer Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43214

Sign-ins and light refreshments begin at 9:00 AM.

Keynote Speaker at 10:30 AM:  
Pablo DeJesus, Executive Director,  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice  
“Faithful Defiance in Times of Democratic Trial”

Catered lunch with vegan and gluten-free options.  
Afternoon workshops related to the theme.  
Close at 5:00 PM.

<https://uujo.org/> Online registration will be available.  
Fee is \$65.00

Also, Pablo DeJesus will be the main speaker  
at First UU Columbus at their 11:00 AM service on  
Sunday, April 26.

## Kroger Community Rewards Program: GNH's Latest Quarterly Dividend

GNH has received a dividend of **\$44.00** from Kroger for the quarter beginning **November 1, 2025**, through **January 31, 2026**. This amount is based on **28** GNH households registered for the Kroger Community Rewards Program and how much they purchased with their Kroger Plus Cards during that period.

### Register Your Kroger Plus Card to Support GNH!

You can help earn "FREE" money for GNH's support of local charities, including Up-Spring, Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank, Lighthouse, and Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center. If you shop at Kroger and have a Plus card, but haven't registered for this easy way to support GNH's outreach projects, go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and follow the links. **Please sign up for the former Northern Hills Fellowship and use our NPO# SR254.** If you need help or have questions about registering, contact Betsy Anderson or Pete Patterson, or call Kroger's tech team at 1-866-221-4141. Thank you for your support!

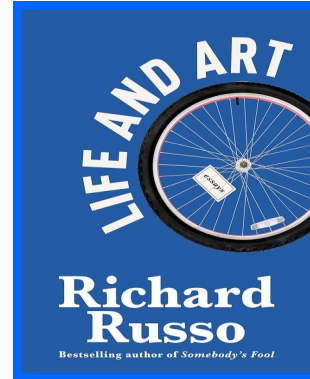


# Book Club

The GNH Book Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
in the Quimby Room and also on Zoom at 1pm.

Contact [Susanne Bjourner at susanne.bjourner@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.bjourner@gmail.com) for the zoom link)

**April 3** “Life and Art” by Richard Russo



We welcome anyone who would like to join our discussions. We usually try to read a wide variety of topics and genres. The book selections are suggested by members, and the club is always interested in hearing book recommendations from anyone interested in joining our discussions.

**The GNH Book Club will not meet in March 2026 due to a few members' conflicting schedules. We will plan to discuss the March selection “Why Fish Don't Exist” by Lulu Miller at the July meeting.**

**May 1** “Football Sissy” by Jack Brennan

**June 5** “The God of the Woods” by Liz Moore

# GNH BOOK CLUB

## **SECOND TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Every Second Tuesday**

**Discussion via Zoom**

**The next meeting will be on The Second Tuesday,**

**March 10, 2026**

**from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom.**

This is an informal meeting of a casual group of GNH members and friends.  
**ALL are welcome and encouraged to join this session.**

If you are not already on the mailing list to receive the Zoom link and preparation email, contact Susanne Bjorner [susanne.bjorner@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.bjorner@gmail.com) or Sue Cline [scline0149@gmail.com](mailto:scline0149@gmail.com).



# Lighthouse Shelter for Youth:

Tom Lottman and Allen Jerome have graciously offered to take over for Cheryl Lekson serving lunch at Lighthouse once a month.

The date has not yet been chosen but will be publicized as soon as it is. Tom and Allen are supported by members of the former Women's Action Network at GNH, which has been renamed

GNH Outreach Team, chaired by Betsy Anderson. If you have any questions or would like to offer food donations for Lighthouse lunch,

Please contact Tom, Allen, or Betsy.

Usually, a main dish is served as well as fruit and dessert.



# GNH Community Garden

## See You Soon !!!



## GNH CARE TEAM

### For Emergency Contact Information

We would like to keep basic emergency contact information for any member who lives alone or anyone who feels they would like the Care Team to have the information. This would include a family member or friend who could be contacted if there is some concern when someone has not been seen at services & has had no contact with anyone for a while. Participation is purely voluntary.

If you are interested please contact your Care Team members through our designated email ([gnhcareteam@gmail.com](mailto:gnhcareteam@gmail.com)) or speak to one of us at services.

Anita, Becky, Betsy, Linda, Marti, Sue Woodruff, Susanne Bjorner, Ruth

### CARE TEAM BIRTH DATES REQUEST

The Care Team would like to get birthdates for as many members as we can who would like to receive greetings on their birthday. We ask that you email the Care Team with your birth date. Including the year would be optional. "The Care Team would like to celebrate you on your birthday.

Please send your birth date (year is optional) in an email to the Care Team at [gnhcareteam@gmail.com](mailto:gnhcareteam@gmail.com) if you would like to receive birthday greetings. If you have a birthday list you are willing to share we would surely appreciate it. "Please contact Ruth Kraus at [ruth.kraus@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth.kraus@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



***There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to donate cards for the Care Team's use. All donations will be appreciated.***

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**Please offer prayers and good thoughts  
For all our members' and friends' peace and wisdom  
Please contact Adrienne at [ghnuu460@gmail.com](mailto:ghnuu460@gmail.com)  
If you know of any member or friend with care needs.**

## Ways to give to GNH

GNH is grateful for all those who have kept up with their pledges during the pandemic and days of virtual services.

As you know, there are several ways to give of your financial resources to GNH:

- Mail a check to GNH.
  - Ask your bank or credit union to mail a monthly check automatically. Many banks do not charge fees for this service. Check with your bank.
  - Set up monthly or quarterly automatic payments from your investment accounts. Talk to your financial adviser.
- ◇ Use our online giving app, Givelify. Set up your personal confidential account at <https://giv.li/phv85g>. Download the Givelify app to your smartphone using the Apple Store or Google Play. Once you have the app, donating to GNH is as easy as Tap. Give. Done. (Note that Givelify charges GNH a transaction fee of 2.9% on each transaction, so you may want to increase your online donation by a small percentage to compensate.)

## NEWSLETTER POLICY (September 2008)

All items that appear in the Harbinger should be of general interest to the members and friends of GNH and be consistent with GNH's mission, purposes, and policies.

Newsletter submission should be as brief as possible, with a 500 word maximum. The editor has the right and responsibility to edit as needed to ensure conciseness and readability. The editor also has the right to delay publishing non-time-critical articles as available space may require.

The newsletter editor may refuse publication if a submission is considered inappropriate.

The editor shall consult with the minister and the Trustee who holds the communication portfolio for guidance in what shall be published.

Members of GNH shall have the choice to receive the Harbinger electronically or via paper mail. The newsletter shall be posted on the website. Do not submit names or contact information without the consent of other persons.

The Harbinger mailing list shall not be used for business purposes or for any type of mailings

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## OFFICE HOURS



## NEXT Harbinger

**Our Next Harbinger will be  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Please have all articles to the  
emailed by 12:00 pm.

deadline on Tuesday  
March 17, 2026 before the  
Harbinger is published.

Space can be  
reserved on the rare occasion an  
article needs to be late.